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TOPIC Brandis Airfield

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1. In April 1953, Il-10s practiced individual and formation flying at various times at Brandis airfield. Occasionally, night flying was observed. Between 26 April and 6 May, flying was practiced very seldom.
2. The following air activity was observed between 21 April and 8 May:
 - 21 April: Between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., local and formation flights as well as dives were made by the Il-10s of the unit stationed at the field. The weather was fair.
 - 22 April: There was the same air activity as on the preceding day. A Li-2 landed at 5:40 p.m. and again took off at 6 p.m. heading west. Between 7:30 p.m. and midnight, ground attack aircraft practiced night flying.
 - 23 April: Throughout the day, local and formation flying and diving was practiced.
 - 24 April: A Li-2 landed at 5:40 p.m. and took off at 6 p.m., while the weather was fair. Between 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., diving was practiced by Il-10s. At 8 p.m., local flights were made by Po-2s.
 - 26 April: There was no air activity although the weather was fair.
 - 27 April: Between 10 a.m. and noon, there was local flying by a biplane. The sky was 8/10 overcast.
 - 28 April: In the morning, a biplane circled the field. There was a 9/10 overcast with intermittent rainshowers. A twin-engine plane landed at night.
 - 29 April: Biplanes were aloft at day and night.
 - 30 April: At 11 a.m., 4 biplanes and a twin-engine plane circled the field.
 - 1 and 2 May: No air activity was observed.
 - 4 May: Between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m., dives were made by ground attack planes including Nos 5, 6, and 22.
 - 5 May: Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., local flying was practiced. Weather was 8/10 overcast.
 - 7 May: Throughout the day, there was little air activity. It rained occasionally. Several ground attack planes were being zeroed in at the gun firing pit.
 - 8 May: Between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., there was air activity by ground attack planes while other planes were being zeroed in. There was a 6/10 overcast.

3. In early May, sedan [] and truck [] with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and jeep [] were observed entering and leaving the field.

Comment: Brandis airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment which is believed to be equipped with about 50 Il-10s. Air activity observed agrees with previous observations at the field.

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